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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I have been a using of Microsoft products shortly after their arrival on the market. I my view they have been strong competitors and have developed a few good technologies.

However, I believe that their legitimate technological advances have been far out weighed by underhanded, dishonest and down right illegal practices. Every time they have gone to court I have hoped that the federal government would fine and restructure them appropriately to compensate for the damage they have done to the industry through their many monopolistic practices.

Though their cut-throat distribution agreements, their software bundling and many other things have more than warranted harsh penalties --in my mind-- what has bothered me the most is there ability to continue to tell half truths and lies, in press releases, on packaging, and even in court yet without penalty, fine or other action. The blatant fabrication of evidence during the trial with The Honorable Thomas Penfield Jackson alone should have landed someone in jail. If I went to go to court with videos that I (or one of my employees) had blatantly altered I am fairly certain that I (or one of my employees) would be in jail now. I would expect nothing less for those at Microsoft that were aware of the doctoring of the videos that were entered into court record. Though I do not agree with The Honorable Thomas Penfield Jackson's actions during that trial I strong believe that his actions should not excuse or allow Microsoft employees to get away, without punishment, for presenting false data in a court of law!

Too many times have I seen Microsoft hurt the industry and more directly my lively hood by using their power and influence to get settlements, or get dismissals in cases where I am sure that someone with my meager income would surly been jailed.

I don't know what it is going to take, or from which country the conviction will come, but someday, I trust that Microsoft will get the punishment it deserves. I would be encouraged if that punishment came now, from the current powers overseeing the proceedings. I would hate for the true and correct judgement of the perpetrators involved to only come when they face their maker.

Best Regards,

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